

HOUSE BILL 671

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 51, Part 1, relative to the operation of lottery games.

WHEREAS, the conduct and operation of certain electronic lottery games have been recently marred by computer errors that prevented certain numbers from being selected, thereby favoring other numbers; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee lottery corporation has paid over \$80,000 for an audit to review such computer errors, funds that should be devoted to the education of Tennessee's higher education students; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of the process of determining winners of a lottery is a paramount concern of persons who participate in the lottery, the lottery corporation, and the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 51, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 4-51-1__.

(a) The corporation shall not operate a state lottery game where winners are selected or determined through a computerized program; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the lottery corporation from operating or participating in any lottery game in which the winner is selected or determined by a random drawing using numbered balls.

(b) This section shall not apply to multistate or instant ticket lottery games.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.